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Social Life in Washington

GRACE PORTER HOPKINS. The Ladies of the White House Have Returned From New York and Boston, and the Lenten Calm Has Been Raised-A Dinner by the Baroness Von Sternberg—Cabinet Ladies Frequent Din ner Guests at 3 Senatorial Houses.

be the weddings already announced in the

WASHINGTON, D. C. Mar. 12.—The Lenton calm has been lifted from the White House since the return of Mrs. Roosevelt from her visit to New York, and Miss Allce fro mBostom, where she has been staying with her maternal grandmother, Mrs. Leo, Miss Carew, Mrs. Roosevelt's sister, who has been a guest at the hite House most of the winter, is now in the South, and will later be joined by the President's daughter, who will remain in Washington only long enough to attend a Yow dinners and iuncheons that are being given in her honor.

Notable among the dinners is that for which invitations have been issued by Baroness Von Sternberg, wife of the Cerman Ambassador. The Baron has been a friend of the Roosevelts ever since he and the President first met—when one was Civil Service Commissioner and the other a military secretary at the Emperor's Embassy in this city. He was a com-

civil Service Commissioner and the other a military secretary at the Emperor's Embassy in this city. He was a comaratively unknown officer when he met and successfully wooed the pretty Miss Langham of Kentucky, who now so gracefully presides over the big red brick mansion flying the German flag to designate, it is an official residence. Within mansion flying the German flag to designate it as an official residence. Within fits portals the Embassy is as white as the White House itself, but unlike the latter, its whiteness is relieved by rare and rich relies of by-gone days. Those ornaments and draperies were many of them brought from the ancestral home of the Ambassador and are wonderful examiles of workman's art.

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Miss Ivy Langham, the Baroness' sister has been her guest during the past season. Her engagement was an interesting announcement of the week. Commander Faramond de Lafajole, naval attache of the French Embassy, is the prospective groom, and, like his fiancee, has been very popular in Washington.

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Baron Bussche-Haddenhausen, of the German Embassy, is considered the handsomest man in the diplomatic corps, and his wife. one of the most attractive women in the same circle. The Baron is just now the object of congratulatory remarks, because of his having received from the Emperor the coveled decoration of the Order of the Red Eagle. Ho is the son of the late master of the horse to the Duke of Brunswick, and a member of one of the most ancient and distinguished families of Hanover.

The Cabinet ladles retired from official entertaining with the advent of Lent, but those remaining in Washington are frequent dinner guests at sonatorial homes. Mrs. Jiny, Mrs. Hitchcock, Mrs. Payne, Miss Wilson and Mrs. Cortelyou are among the stay-at-homes, Mrs. Shaw is

Miss Wilson and Mrs. Corteryou are among the stay-at-homes, Mrs. Shaw is travelling on the Pacific Coast with her two daughters, Mrs. Taft is in Californias, having stopped on route from the Philippines to Washington, She is expected to make her debut in the Cabinet circle durance have been applied by the committee of the commi make her debut in the Cabinet circle during the Easter season; meanwhile her husband continues to be the most feted guest at the capital. Mrs. Knox is at Palm Beach for the month of March, and the Attorney General is confuring with the knotty problems presented to the legal mind by the recently enacted Panama freaty.

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The present week has as its chief attraction the short but very excellent season of grand opera, which is being made the occasion of much charming entertaining. Last week Mr. Forbes-Robertson, the eminent English actor presented the best Hamlet seen on the American stage since the days of Edwin Booth. Mr. Robertson was doubly appreciated in Washington in this role because Booth never played here after the tragedy with which his brother was connected at the Old Ford's Theatre on the evening of April M, 1805. The fame of the English actor, preceded him, since he has played the part in Antwerp, Berlin, and in Hanover, as well as in all of the leading cities of the British Isles, and society turned jout en masse to see him. All of the boxes were taken and many hostesses engaged groups of seats for their friends. Mr. Robertson came to the United States to play "The Light that Falled," and the friends of Kipling would have filled the house, even had the actor and his American wife, Miss Gertrude Elliott, not proved such drawing cards.

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Mrs. Herbert Wadsworth has continued in the actor is a fine musician and has done much to encourage the presentation of good music here. To further this end, she has organized a society composed of the young musical people of he set, who meet for practice once a week during the winter. They furnish the programme also for some of Mrs. Wadsworth's mascicals, and occasionally for a charitable entertainment given under her nuspices. She will mark the Mi-Carems with a "small" dance, an event that is putting society on the qui vice of pleasant anticipation, since the "light fantastic" has not been tripped for two whole weeks. Easter is still quite a way off, but pre-

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the three couples whose marriages in the early summer will be international events of interest.

Searcely a day basses without the Prostdent's entertaining either luncheon or dining guests, and generally it is both. Hen, L. A. Frothingham, speaker of the Marsachusetts House of Representatives, was his dinner guest of honor on Saturday. The company included Speaker Cannon. Mr. Justice Holmes, Mr. Justice Day, Benators Allison, Lodge, and Spooner, Representative Hitt, the Attorney General, the Secretary of the Navy, Prof. Albort Bushnell Hart, Hon. W. W. Rockhill, Hon. James R. Garfield, Mr. Alford W. Cooley, Mr. Gifford Pinchot (Mr. Roosevelt's friend for the protection of forests), Mr. W. Cameron Forbes, and Civil Bervice Commissioner, William Dudley Foulke.

On Thursday, Mrs. Spooner, wife of the senior senator from Wisconsin, entertained at an attractively appointed lunch-con, given in honor of the German Ambassador's wife, Baroness von Sternbers. The table was laid in the famous teak-wood room of the Senator Stewart house, now occupied by Senator and Mrs. Spooner, and the very atmosphere of the place savors of hospitality both historic and generous. The decorations were La France roses and Farleynese forn with a corsage bouquet at each of the twelve covers. The seating of a cosmopolitan company always an important phase of social life at the capital, was in this case perfect, Mrs. Spooner, at the head of the table, had as her vis-a-vis Mrs. Holmes, wife of the Supreme Court Justice; to her right sat the Baroness von Sternberg, and to her left Lady Durand, wife of the newly appointed British Ambassador. Mrs. E. A. Hitchcock, the only Cabinet lady present, came next, while Mesdames Foraker and Fairbanks, wives of U.S. senators, were given le pas over Mrs. Adna R. Chaffee, wife of the Lioutennat-General of the Army, and Mrs. Cabinet lady present, came next, while Mesdames Fornker and Fairbanks, wives of U. S. senators, were given le pas over Mrs. Adna R. Chaffee, wife of the Lieutenant-General of the Army, and Mrs. William Cowles, wife of Commander Cowles of the Navy, and sister of the President. Mrs. Audenceid, Mrs. Herbert Wadsworth and Mrs. Frances Burton Harrison were the unofficial guests and therefore more easily placed, at the end therefore more easily piaced, at the end of the line. Part of the guests faced the windows overlooking the famous Burns cottage and what remains of the "old Davy Burns farm;" known to history as the land for which George Washington negotiated for the site of the Federal city. Upon this remaining lot of an historic estate the Continental Hall will soon be erected by the National Society of the Payenties, and therefore more easily placed, at the end soon be erected by the National Society of the Daughter of the Revolution, and beyond it the Columbian University buildings will be arranged along the borders of the slowly moving Potomac, with the blue hills of Virginia forming a background. Other of the luncheon guests sat opposite the most remarkable specification of the luncheon guests and the property of the men of teakwood carving ever brought to America—the mantel which the late Mrs. William M. Stewart, of Nevada, bought in India for "Stowart Castle," or "Stewart's folly," as the great house on Dupont Circle was called twenty

will mark Easter week. It will be followed next day, by the marriage of Miss Sally Franklin Wainwright to Lieutenant Henry Tilghman Bull, which will take place at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, April 5. Miss Wainwright is a debutante of last season and a niece of Commander Richard Wainwright, U. S. N. Miss Eliza Hutchinson Webb and Miss Mary Wallace De Witt. are other brides whose weddings will be made brilliant by the presence of gold-lace-and-brass-buttoned attendants. One of the most genial diplomats at, Washington is Baron Moncheur, the Belgian minister, whose wife was Miss Charlotte Powell, daughter of the U. S. Ambassador to Mexico. Baron Moncheur is thoroughly Belgian, but does not believe that the best interests of his country can be served by his remaining in seclusion. He has therefore cultivated a knowsion. He has therefore cultivated a know sion. He has therefore cultivated a know-ledge of the ways and customs of Amer-ica even to the extent of marrying an American woman—in fact, two of them— for his first wife was a Miss Padelford, of New Jersey, who dled several years ago, leaving two little girls who now live with their maternal grandmother a part of each season. diplomatic corps. Senor Don Joan Riano, Charge d'Anires of the Spanish Lega-tion, and Miss Alice Ward: Lleutenant Commander Feramond de Lafajole, naval

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The association is one of the progressive kind. At the conventions matters of importance to those engaged in engineering and mechanics are discussed with good results.

In speaking, of this association, Mr. D. M. Parry, president of the National Association of Manufacturers, and of the Citizens' Industrial Alliance of America.

Citizens' Industrial Allance of America, says:

STRONG BODT.

'I have recently been in correspondence with Mr. S. H. Forse, Stato president for Pennsylvania of tilis organization, and I have received a letter from Charles H. Garlick, its past national president. This letter sets forth in excellent manner the principal features of this organization, showing that it is not only strong in numbers and permanently ceiablished, but that is is accomplishing great good for its members without resonting to force or to efforts to dictate wage scales. Although this organization has 20,000 members, yet it has but two paid officers, and they get but a small salary. Yet, despite this economy of administration, Mr. Garfick is able to say that there is not a labor organization in the country whose members receive yearly pay greater than those of this organization, and that the experience of the organization affords ample proof that it pays to seek higher wages through increasing individual efficiency."

ITS ORGANIATION.

Mr. Garlick says in his letter:

The National Association of Station-

ary Engineers has been organized twenty-one years, and has 376 subordinate associations throughout the country. Our meeting rooms are like school ty-one years, and, has \$75 subordinate associations throughout the country. Our meeting rooms are like school rooms, as we believe that if "we learn more we will earn more," and none knows or cares what his neighbor receives as wages, but each member reserves to himself 'the right to work for whom he pleases, when he pleases, and for whatever compensation, he pleases. Our preamble outlines our aims and objects.

"This association shall at not time be used for the furtherance of strikes, or for the purpose of flitterforing in any way between its finembers and employers in regard to wages; recognizing the identity of interests between employer and employer, and not countenanching any project or enterprise that will interfore with perfect harmony between them.

"Nether shall it be used for political or religious purposes, its meetings shall be devoted to the business of the association, and at all times preference shull be given to the education of engineers and to securing the snactment of the engineers' licens laws in order to prevent the destruction of life and properly in the generation and transmission of steam as a motive power."

At the convention held in Pittsburg in 1598, the preamble was, by a resolution made perpetual, and one word changed in it would mean the dissolution of the order.

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The National Association of Stationary Engineers numbers 20,000 members, and their pay will be found to average considerably higher than that of 20,000 engineers outside of the order.

COMMENDS ITS WORK.

"It is evident from this letter of Mr. Garlick's," continued Mr. Parry, "that the National Association of Stationary Engineers is organized on the same general lines as the professional organizations of the lawyers and doctors. This organization seeks to protect the public from being imposed upon by incompetent engineers, and, therefore, devotes some of its efforts to securing the adoption of engineers' license laws. Membership in this organization, dependent, as it appears to be, on-certain standards of competency, cannot fail to be a recommendation for employment to employers.

"Observe, also, the radical difference between this organization, and that of the ordinary union in the matter of educating men in their calling. The engineers evidently are not afraid to impart the knowledge peculiar to their vocation. In fact, they take a pride in teaching each other and in vying with each other to see who can become the most proficient. On the other hand, the average labor union frowns on excellence, places a 'dead line' or limit on individual effort or output, and fastills the idea in the minds of its members that the less they do and the more carelessly they perform their work the more there is for other men to do. The engineers are willing to trust to the law of supply and demand to give them a just wage, in accordance with the value of the services they render to the community at large, But the orthodox labor union chooses to rely upon its power to wrest from industry a wage in accordance with the immediation of its members as to what they ought to receive, without regard to the services they render."

The delicious strawberry is on the move. For some time the berries have been moving northward in pony refrigerations; containing two crates of thirty two quarts each, but owing to the heavy express and refrigeration, the dealers have not realized on them the profit that should be naturally expected. It costs fourteen cents a quart to put strawberries in New York by express at present, and they have been selling in New York for thirty cents a quart, so it is readly seen that the margin of profit for the growers is not of the kind to transform them into purse proud plutocrats in a very large hurry. Yet the growers are very well content with the returns, looking forward to better returns when the caplea? shipments are on; not that the price will be necessarily botter, but the freight and refrigeration on carload shipments show a difference of some six cents in favor of the shipper, being decents in favor of the shipper, being decounts. The minimum carload consists of 100 crates of thrity-two quarts each, and from the Latteland district carloads will begin to move during the week to come. It is not not carried as the experiments is now about exhausted, and the experiments is now of the southern Railway is nonnection on account of the partial failure of the frains of the Southern Railway is maintained at the highest standard of experiments and profit in the minimum car Strawberries Coming.

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Long Island Railroad general mortgage registered bonds Atchison. Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad registered bonds. Atchison. Topeka and Senter mortgage registered bonds.

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Gross premiums (50 per cent.)

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Return premiums, \$7,529,00; reinsurance, \$2,501.05.

INCOME DURING THE YEAR. Total premiums (other than perpetuals) \$2,044,001 56 Interest on morigages (1,835 00 Interest on bonds and dividends on stocks 63,027 71 Profit on sale or maturity or ledger assets 5,849 78

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